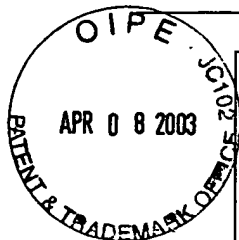


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Advisory Action mailed January 29, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 8, 2003 to April 8, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$465 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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